

# Right Guide

This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to RIGHT GUIDE, 1390 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

A veteran writes:  
I am a disabled veteran. I have what they call a "service connected" disability. My service connection was a land mine in France. It might have been malaria from mosquito bites in Guadalcanal. It might have been from days and days—seemed like centuries—without rest or sleep. It might have been anything in a hundred different places.

But I'm back now—back in civilian life. I've had my share of hospitals—army and VA. I am satisfied these hospitals did all they could for me. In fact, hospitals nowadays do a lot more than they used to do for the disabled. They not only helped me physically but told me, showed me, taught me there was a definite place for me in the civilian scheme of things. They told me if I would cooperate, and really try, I would some day be able to do a good day's work in spite of my "service connection."

So I really tried. I went through the VA vocational guidance where they measured my aptitudes and all that sort of thing. I took courses in vocational therapy. I spent hours and hours taking exercises to retrain damaged muscles—and break in new ones. It took a lot of "sweat and tears" but I learned to get around about as well as I used to before I had my "service connection."

Before I took all this training I was pretty discouraged. I had the idea I would be crippled for life. That I would do nothing to look forward to but a pension and a cane.

But I got the idea in the VA hospital that it was really up to me. I could have a good job, have a home and kids just as if there had been no "service connection." This new idea gave me a lot of courage and determination, and I really worked.

I know there are a lot of jobs I can't do as well as the other fellow. But I am sure now there are a lot I can do better. I know I can give some employer his money's worth. I really think—because of all I have gone through and the extra determination I have—I would be a better and safer employee than some fellows who haven't had a "service connection." I certainly would like to have an opportunity to prove this to some employer—and to myself.

I don't want anybody to give me a job just because of my "service connection." I want a job because I am a good man and can really earn a day's pay.

The week of October 6-12 was designated by Congress and Presidential proclamation as "National Employ the Handicapped Week."

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## Jenkins To Test New Car Designed By Bud Winfield

Clarence S. Beesemyer, vice president of the General Petroleum Corporation, announced that as a result of tests conducted by Bud Winfield and Socony-Vacuum engineers, a radical engine and car have been developed with which Ab Jenkins, present holder of all records from 50 miles upward, will soon conduct a series of experimental high speed runs and possible assault on his present records on the Bonneville salt flats near Salt Lake City.

Winfield, head of an engineering concern at La Canada, California, is a veteran designer and builder of high speed cars, motorcycles and boats.

Whereas the "Mormon Meteor," in which Jenkins set the present records in 1940 weighed 4½ tons and was of prodigious size, the new "Mobil Special" weighs only 1900 pounds and is but 36 inches high.

The tests will be made, Beesemyer said, to secure technical information for the use of fuel, lubrication and design engineers, as well as to possibly set new records.

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